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Re: Superior Renewable Energy LLC v. Montana Dakota Utilities Co.

Greetings:

Enclosed please find the original and ten copies of Superior Renewable Energy, LLC's Second Set of Interrogatories, Document Requests, and Request for Admissions; Motion to Shorten Time and Extend Discovery Cut Off; and Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

Sincerely yours

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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SUPERIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC'S AND JAVA LLC'S MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME FOR RESPONSES TO SUPERIOR DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND TO EXTEND DISCOVERY CUT OFF DATE

Pursuant to Section 20:10:01:22.01 of the South Dakota Public Utility Commission's Administrative Rules, Complainants Superior Renewable Energy LLC and Java LLC (collectively "Superior") move for an order to shorten the time periods to answer interrogatories, document requests and requests for admission otherwise applicable to the discovery requests served upon Respondent Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("Montana-Dakota") on or about November 15, 2004. These discovery requests became necessary because of Montana-Dakota's disclosure on November 5, 2004 that: (a) there is no energy or capacity being delivered pursuant to certain power purchase contracts with the Omaha Public Power District previously represented to Superior and the Commission as determinative of avoided capacity costs, (b) there is another power purchase contract that Montana-Dakota entered into with the NorthPoint Energy Solutions, Inc. that Montana-Dakota failed to disclose to Superior and the Commission in any of its interrogatory responses.

Superior also moves for an order to modify the Commission's Scheduling Order for this proceeding dated October 26, 2004. This modification would extend the discovery off date currently applicable to Superior's discovery from December 6, 2004 to March 7, 2004.

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Superior's Motion to Shorten Time and to Extend the Deadline for Discovery Cutoff filed contemporaneously with this motion, Superior respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion and direct Montana-Dakota to answer Superior's discovery requests within fifteen (15) days after service of these discovery requests upon Montana-Dakota and further that it amend the October 26, 2004 Scheduling Order to provide that the applicable discovery cut off for Superior be moved to March 7, 2004, or alternatively, to order such other relief as this Commission sees fit to grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SHORTED BY SUPERIOR RENEWABLE) SHORTEN TIME FOR DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND TO EXTEND MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.) DEADLINE FOR DISCOVERY CUT REGARDING THE JAVA WIND) OFF PROJECT) EL04-016

On motion of Complainants Superior Renewable Energy LLC and Java LLC (collectively "Superior") to shorten time for responses to Superior's discovery requests and to extend discovery cut off date, it is hearby

ORDERED, that Superior's motion is granted. Respondent Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. shall have fifteen (15) days from date of service of Superior's Second Set of Interrogatories, Document Requests and Requests for Admissions to answer each of Superior's requests. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Scheduling Order previously entered and effective for this Proceeding shall be modified to allow Superior to continue taking discovery through the pre-trial conference, currently set for March 7, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this ___ day of November, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service	
list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman
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